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- 00 21 March 1951, 3,000 troops of the "Sino-Vietnamese Volunteer Army" crossed the China-Indochina border into Indochina via Shui Kou Kuan (106-34, 22-76). An additional 5,000 troops have been ordered to move to Chen Pien (105-50, 23-24), Ching Hsi (106-25, 23-09) and Lung Chi (sic), preparatory to crossing the border at the proper time. These troops are well equipped with automatic weapons and more than 20 tanks.
- Soviet military advisors are serving on the staff of CHULNG Tien, Commander of the "Sino-Vietnamese Volunteer Army", \* and Commander of the Kwangsi-Yumnan-Kweichow Border Column.

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Comment. CHUANG Tien has previously been reported as Deputy

Commander of the Chinese People's Anti-French and Support Indochina

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The "Sino-Vietnamese Volunteer Army"

possibly refers to this army.

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